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MEMORANDUM FOR NELLIS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

FROM: 99 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Policy Statement

At Nellis AFB and its outlying installations, sustainability is the highest priority and is accomplished by protecting the environment, the people and the mission. Our installation is committed to achieving excellence in environment, safety and health sustainability. We are dedicated to continual improvement of our processes and methodologies that reduce waste, promote pollution prevention and enhance safety. To achieve sustainability and compatibility, we will meet or exceed all applicable environmental laws and regulations. In all of our activities we will strive to:

- a. Achieve sustainability by maintaining an effective environmental, safety and occupational health (ESOH) management system. Promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices while reducing ESOH risks and costs. Employ new technologies, processes and practices throughout the system to increase efficiency and reduce costs while supporting the mission and environment.
- b. Prevent pollution and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices to: minimize the generation of wastes; recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible; and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner. We will implement streamlined performance-based approaches to improve cleanup efforts to restore water and land resources, and will be diligent in identifying and eliminating hazards to preserve the health and safety of our work force and the community.
- c. Adopt proactive measures for a renewed emphasis on energy conservation; ensure the responsible use of energy, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve efficiency; and explore different funding avenues to leverage replacement of failed systems with high efficiency units.
- d. Continue to accept responsibility and accountability under the law for activities and decisions within our control that impact human health, safety and welfare and the continued viability of natural systems. To achieve compatibility between the mission and environment, we will complete regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments and will develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance issues. We set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary and communicate results.
- e. Recognize the interdependence of life and the physical environment. We will proactively consider the environmental consequences of all programs and act accordingly in all appropriate circumstances. Careful planning of future activities to minimize environmental impacts and safety and health risks, combined with the responsible management of our natural and cultural resources, is integral in our mission sustainability and our contribution to national security.
- f. Maintain a strong environmental public affairs program to enhance communication with internal and external stakeholders. Respect the views of individuals and groups interested in our activities and openly share information on environmental, safety and occupational health performance with the public.

  
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